

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Issue of enactments of 1116 in book form.

1. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Acts passed and Proclamations issued in 1116;

(b) whether they intend issuing the same in a book form as was done before;

(c) whether they have made any arrangements for publishing the same in a book form; and

(d) if so, what is the nature of the arrangements and what are the details of the arrangements?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (a) 27 Acts and 3 Proclamations.

(b) Yes; a lump sum provision of Rs. 7,000 has been made for the purpose in the Preliminary Budget for 1118.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.

Cost of living.

2. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the cost of living has increased since the war?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the member, how many times has the cost of living increased?

Mr. A. Lakshminarayana Ayyar: About two-fold.

Canal leading from Kothakulangara.

3. * **Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the total length and breadth of the canal leading from Kothakulangara in Kunnatnad taluk as far as Manjali;

(b) whether it is a fact that the major part of the canal is silted up;

(c) whether it is a fact that extensive paddy fields lie on both sides of the canal throughout its length;

(d) whether it is a fact that the silted state of the canal has affected the cultivation of the paddy fields on both sides of the canal; and

(e) what is the length of the silted portion?

Mr. I. C. Chacko (*Chief Engineer*) : (a) 9 miles in length with an average width of 30.

(b) No ; only some portions.

(c) Yes.

(d) No.

(e) Some portions between the 6th and 9th mile are partly silted up.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : On answer to part (c) of the question may I know, what is the extent of paddy fields that lie on both sides of canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : About two miles.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether the portions silted up included in that extent ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know, is not water absolutely necessary for the fields that lie on both sides of the canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Yes, Sir. That is why maintenance of the canal is done.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know the nature of the maintenance done in the canal ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : Where the canal is silted up year by year, that portion is deepened for which about Rs. 600 has been spent.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar : May I know whether there is any proposal to remove the silt in the remaining portions also ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : About one mile has already been deepened and the remaining portion will be deepened early next year.

Malayalam Dailies for the Legislative Library.

4. * **Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they get down any Malayalam daily papers for the use of the Legislative Library ?

Rajyasevapravina G. Parameswaran Pillai : Government are taking steps to make available to the Legislative Library Malayalam daily papers published from different parts of Travancore.